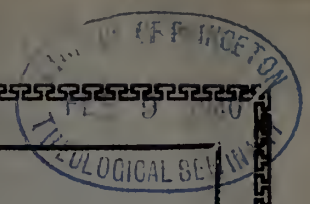


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## EDITORIAL

### THE PSYCHOLOGY OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

It was a fine group of earnest, devoted young men and women that gave their farewell messages on the eve of sailing; talented young people who could have attained to well-paid positions in this country, but were going across the seas to spend their lives in a strange land. The question was raised, Why go to Cyprus or outside of one's own country? Are the people worse there than here? No. Are they without educational advantages? No. Is there not plenty of opportunity for Christian work in this country? Yes. What then is the psychology of this movement? We may answer that Christianity is a commodity of such a kind that the more of it we export the more we have at home. If we are not mistaken the "gospel team" of the Winchester congregation is one of the by-products of Foreign Missions. This congregation first gave one and then another young life to the foreign field. It then began to seem an incongruous thing to take such an interest in peoples across the seas and remain indifferent to the heathen at their doors, so this congregation girded up its loins and organized the "gospel team" that has done such splendid work at home. And, if we are correctly informed, the success of the men's gospel team provoked the young women to a similar good work. A second reaction and a second by-product of foreign missions work is the strengthening of Christ's cause and kingdom in this country by the presence and work of converts

made in the foreign field. There are young men working for Christ in New York City who otherwise in the natural course of events would have been helping to push the great city still further into the abyss, and these young men are the direct product of the work of our own missionaries in the Levant.

We answer again the question as to the psychology of foreign missions that the Church cannot stand by while this country sends out a stream of commercial representatives who are engaged in exploiting the native peoples for their own selfish ends. Both in the commercial and political spheres we are touching foreign peoples, seeking concessions, cultivating their resources for the sake of greed and gain. We send gin, tobacco, and deadly drugs, under the auspices of the Christian religion. For the sake of Christ, for the sake of Christianity, for the good name of religion, for the redemption of America's good name, we are in honor bound to send out a different type of Christian life to the East, men and women who go not to satisfy the lust for power, the greed for gain but to cultivate the people and develop their resources for their benefit.

Once again the missionary enterprise is carried in the confident belief that Christianity is a world religion adaptable to all conditions and capable of being made indigenous in every race and clime. The Kingdom of God cannot come in its fulness in any land until it has come in some measure in all lands. Loyalty to the idea of a Kingdom of God here on earth re-

quires the vigorous prosecution of the missionary enterprise until the kingdoms of this world become the Kingdom of our Lord.

#### THE SUPER-KINGDOM.

The Kingdom of God is really a super-kingdom and has the first claim upon the loyalty and loving allegiance of every Christian. If this be so it is then supernational, and its claims are superior to those of the nation. It is true that the interests of the Kingdom and the true welfare of any nation cannot conflict, but there may often arise a clash between the interests of the Kingdom and the ambitions of a nation because those ambitions may be selfish or vengeful. One of the greatest obstacles to peace today is an exaggerated nationalism. In every country we see Christian men placing loyalty to country above loyalty to the Kingdom, and they place the interests of their fellow-nationals even though they be the enemies of the Kingdom above the interests of their brethren of another nation. Nehemiah exhorted his people to "fight for their brethren." The word brethren has to be interpreted in a much larger sense today if the Kingdom of God is ever to come in anything like its fulness. Loyalty to citizens of the Kingdom who are German, Austrian, French, Greek, Armenian, or what-not must take precedence over loyalty to mere fellow-nationals who care nothing for the Kingdom.

The Kingdom is also super-racial. The Christian who realizes that the Kingdom of God is above race will never allow his passions to flare up against the members of another race simply because of their racial connections. He will have a passion for justice for the members of all races, irrespective of color.

"For mankind are one in spirit, and  
an instinct bears along,  
"Round the earth's electric circle, the  
swift flash of right or wrong;

"Whether conscious or unconscious,  
yet Humanity's vast frame  
"Through its ocean-sundered fibre  
feels the gush of joy or shame;  
"In the gain or loss of one race all the  
rest have equal claim."

The Kingdom again is super-partisan. Only when Christian men realize that their allegiance to the Kingdom must take precedence of loyalty to party, or of loyalty to a union whether of operators or working-men, will industrial wars cease. Up then with the Kingdom, and let all Christians rally round its flag. "Thy Kingdom come."

#### THE BOARD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS CALLS FOR MINISTERS.

The missions of our church are in urgent need of ministers. The wonder is if the church realizes how great this need is. In our call for ministers at home are we noting the real need abroad?

#### The Ministerial Department of Our Mission Work is Fast Approaching a Crisis.

Recall how many ministers have recently returned to the home base! In all our broadening and advancing field in China we now have but three ministers. In Cyprus we now have no ordained minister of the Gospel. In all of Asia Minor we have but one minister. And until Dr. James S. Stewart can return to Syria we have but one minister in that vast field.

We need at once two ministers for China, one for the Island of Cyprus, one for Syria and one for Asia Minor, unless forsooth in the mysterious Providence of God present disturbances in those parts (breaking out anew) shall make impossible the continued cultivation of that field. The board feels under solemn obligation to state these needs to the home church.

The board issues this CALL—believing it to be the CALL OF CHRIST—to young ministers to devote themselves to this work and fill up the de-

pleted ranks in these "fields white unto the harvest!"

In behalf of the board,

FINDLEY M. WILSON,  
Corresponding Secretary.

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In connection with the above call for ministers for our Foreign Missions a few important facts may be recalled. In general, it may be said that in recent years very few ministers have gone into foreign fields. Some years ago a goodly proportion volunteered for missions. In 1904 Rev. Julius A. Kempf went to China. In 1907 Rev. W. M. Robb, Rev. R. A. Blair and Rev. E. C. Mitchell went to China, and the same autumn Rev. Samuel Edgar went to Syria, and in 1908 Rev. R. E. Wilson went to Asia Minor.

Since that time 14 years have come and gone, during which period but three ministers of the Gospel have gone into our Foreign Mission service. These are Rev. R. C. Adams, Rev. Jesse C. Mitchel, who sailed in 1917, and Rev. Alvin W. Smith, who went to Cyprus in 1919. Thus, in 14 years, our church has contributed but three ministers to Foreign Missions, and one of these three a short-term man, who has now returned to America for further study. During these same 14 years nine ordained ministers have returned from the mission field to the home base. Six of these are now pastors of congregations at home. While the church in 14 years has given three ministers to Foreign Missions, with but two remaining at the present writing, the Foreign Missions have, within the same period, turned back into the home church six ministers to become pastors of congregations, while from other causes the Foreign Missions have lost three other ministers. Nine ministers lost to our service while but two are added! Is it not true, as stated in the call issued above, that the ministerial department of Foreign Missions is fast approaching a crisis?

In the period noted the church at home has contributed two ministers to our active foreign force, while she has received back from the foreign field six ministers to become pastors of home churches. Is the Covenanter Church, in the matter of distribution of her ministers, dealing fairly with Foreign Missions? Is she dealing fairly with Jesus Christ?

WE CALL FOR MINISTERS!!

FINDLEY M. WILSON,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### OBITUARY

#### MRS. JOHN C. GLASGOW

We, the members of the Ladies' Missionary Society of the Reformed Presbyterian Congregation of Clarinda, Iowa, desire to express our appreciation and regard for the life of our departed member, Mrs. John C. Glasgow, who was taken to her eternal home, Sabbath afternoon, February the 5th.

For many years she lived among us, an earnest follower of Christ, faithful in His service and the work of His Church. Though quiet in manner, her influence and example were an inspiration to her co-workers. She was a member of the Willard Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Clarinda and was loyal in her support of the cause of temperance.

To her husband, three sons and three daughters we extend our sympathy and our hope that in their sorrow they may find comfort in the Master's gracious promises. As her thoughts turned heavenward during her long illness and the words of her favorite psalms were often on her lips, may its words be precious to them.

—  
The Lord shall keep thy soul; he shall  
Preserve thee from all ill;  
Henceforth thy going out and in  
God keep forever will.

MRS. W. J. BAYLESS,  
MRS. M. S. McMILLAN,  
Committee.

## NEWS FROM THE FIELD

AND NOTES OF THE WORKERS

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Mrs. J. C. Mitchel and children and Miss F. Elma French are at home at Winchester, Kansas.

\* \* \* \*

Miss Jennie M. Dean, of Loting, China, arrived at Vancouver, home on furlough, about the fourteenth of August.

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Rev. Alvin W. Smith, of our Cyprus Mission, and Mrs. Sarah Wallace Self were married in Beaver Falls August 22. OLIVE TREES extends congratulations.

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Mr. W. Wilbur Weir, of the American Academy, Cyprus, and Miss Elizabeth V. Ewing, of Baden, Pa., were married at Beaver, Pa., August 23. Again we extend congratulations.

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Miss Maggie B. Edgar returned to Latakia, Syria, on the S. S. Canada, sailing from New York August 11.

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Mr. Ernest V. Tweed, late of the American Academy, Cyprus, arrived in New York August 11.

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When the S. S. Braga left Brooklyn on September 11 she had on board five young people going out for mission work in Cyprus. Mr. W. Wilbur Weir returns with his bride. Misses Lola Weir and Ada M. Wilson and Mr. Chester T. Hutcheson are new recruits for school work.

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Mailing her letter from the Azores, August 18, Miss Maggie B. Edgar asks us to print the following:

"To our friends in our Congregations and Missionary Societies in the homeland:

"As I return, from a very pleasant

furlough, to the Mission field, I desire to express my heartfelt appreciation of and gratitude for the love and kindness so freely shown to me by the people of our congregations everywhere, East and West. Such gracious hospitality, gifts and tokens of love make your missionaries feel that they do indeed 'belong' to the home churches in a special way. Will all who have thus shown me kindness, and those also whose invitations I have been obliged regretfully to decline, please accept this acknowledgment thereof and my grateful thanks.

"I would also acknowledge the contributions of school and hospital supplies, so abundantly offered and given by the missionary societies. I pray that you all may have the richest blessings of our Lord, and request that you will continually keep us, 'the messengers of the churches', in your petitions at the throne of grace, that we may be more truly and more fruitfully used of Him to bring Light and Life to sin-darkened souls.

"Yours in His love and service,  
"MAGGIE B. EDGAR."

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## SYRIA

Mrs. Evadna S. Balph sends this newsy letter from Latakia July 12:

"Early in June we were pleased to have a call from Miss French, who was then on her way to the homeland, where, we hope, she may have a restful vacation. With her was Miss McElroy, who will remain here with Miss Kennedy until they both go to Suk Il-Gharb to attend the Language School for the summer term, which begins July 11.

"It is fine for Miss Kennedy to have her with her during these closing days of a very strenuous year. I hope

Miss McElroy finds as much joy in being in Latakia as we do in having her here.

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"School examinations passed off very creditably; four girls received Bibles for having recited perfectly the Shorter Catechism with proofs. The entertainment given the morning of the last day of school had enough variety in it to keep the audience expectant; all did quite well; and I think the relatives and friends were pleased. The pastor made a brief and appropriate address to the two girls who received their diplomas at this time.

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"Because of the illness of one of the daughters of our Bible woman, our doctors advised that she be taken to the mountain as soon as the warm weather would begin. This necessitated the mother's going also; they left here May 30 for Kessab, where she has plenty of Bible work to do. We were sorry that she had to leave Latakia so early, as her work had become very interesting, especially among the Moslems, many of whom are anxious to listen to the Word, and lament their lack of knowledge in spiritual things, as well as in almost everything else. She did not have time to teach as many as wanted to learn to read. Quite a number of girls and young women can read, and she has tried to encourage these to teach other members of their families, but they have not patience with one another.

"The mother of the native pastor, who reads and prays with the patients on clinic days, often finds among her audience those whose homes the Bible woman has visited, and sometimes they will mention that they had heard the same teaching from her. So it is, 'Here a little, and there a little.'

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"The hospital was closed June 30. The Municipal Hospital, which is under French management, kindly re-

ceived the few patients who were not sufficiently recovered to be dismissed.

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"After the arrival, at the end of May, of eight hundred more refugees from the Alexandretta camps, the hospital was kept full; and, at times, three or four extra ones lying on the floor.

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"The number of clinic patients was also much augmented, there being as many as one hundred and twenty or more at times; the usual number being from eighty to one hundred. Since the closure of the hospital the regular clinics continue, and the nurse, who is always a hard worker, helps the doctor as she did all last summer. However, she is to go for a vacation soon. I should also mention that the pastor, Mr. Awad, conducted a service every Sabbath evening during the year in the hospital. His talks were practical and in simple language. At times, when we had no very serious cases, Miss Kennedy would bring the few boarding school girls to these meetings, when they would sing psalms from the little book of selections prepared by Mr. Khouri.

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"There are over 100 Protestants among the refugees who are here now, and we are fortunate in having one of our teachers from Mersine here, who can speak to them in their own language. He has a large Sabbath School class, which he teaches before the time of the regular Sabbath School. Then in the evening he goes to their camp and holds a service, so that all of them can have a chance to hear, for the church is too far away for them all to attend, and he can go to the camp on his bicycle. We can do little for these poor people beyond showing sympathy, which does nothing toward filling an empty stomach. Among the few with whom we have talked there are people from Zeitoon, Marash, Aintab, Tarsus, Adana, Egbez and Dortyole.

"A young Englishman, agent of the British and Foreign Bible Society, has been in our district, and has returned to Beyrout, happy in having sold 811 Bibles and portions of Scripture. He sold many more more Bibles and portions to Moslem this time than he did when here a year ago.

"The sales in the following places were as follows: Latakia, 330; Suedea, 80; Antioch, 267; Kessab, 55. Of those sold in Latakia 70 were to a Moslem bookseller from the interior, who took them with him to sell again. May all these means be used of the Lord for the advancement of His kingdom."

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## CHINA

### Lo Ting

Communion was held at Lo Ting, June 18. Forty-five communicants, two accessions at this time, both young girls, one a '21 graduate from the Redpath Memorial Girls' School, the other will graduate July 11. Ten names of delinquent members were dropped from the roll.

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Commencement exercises, July 11, though school will continue a week longer, when examinations will be held.

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On the 23d of June, Miss Dean left us to begin her homeward journey. She has second-class passage on the Empress of Asia, sailing July 13. We learn that she will have for traveling companions the Rev. and Mrs. A. A. Pratt, of the Presbyterian Mission, whose sterling worth is known and whose fellowship will be sweet. The following account is taken from the "Lo Ting News:"

"The past few days have been devoted to receptions and farewell dinners, and it is putting it easy to say that Miss Dean received a grand send-off. Shortly after daylight this morning things began to move, but it was 10 o'clock before the boat pushed from

the landing. After a series of photographs of scholars, teachers, church sisters and friends, all lined up for the parade. Miss Dean and Miss Stewart led the way, followed by two of the pupils carrying large American and Chinese flags. Along in the middle of the line—and it was a long line, too—one of the most beautiful banners we have ever seen was carried by two other pupils. This banner, with numerous other gifts, was given to Miss Dean as a token of love and appreciation by the teachers and pupils in the Girls' School. String after string of fireworks made the parade from the school to the boat the loudest possible expression of the well wishes of her many friends here. Two farewell songs by the youngsters at the landing finished the program. Then the handkerchiefs and red eyes became conspicuous, and in a little while more, her boat pushed off and glided down the river."

Communion have recently been held in the following outstations: Lin Taan, Che Tsai, Lo P'ing, Wai Tai and Loking. Four children were baptized at Lo P'ing, five adults and one child at Loking. From one home a grandmother, the mother, her son, his wife and daughter were all received into the fellowship of the Church. The narration below of their instruction in the Christian faith will prove interesting:

"I had a very fine time at Sham Tsun for two days. \* \* \* I found the Cheung home to be a model Christian home, making a very few allowances for their so recent adventure into the faith. I doubt if there can be found another house in China, built of mud, with mud floor, that is as clean as theirs. If they cleaned up especially for my coming, they certainly proved their knowledge of how it should be done. Everything was spotless. Not a cobweb, not a nook or corner anywhere with any accumulation, or even dust. There was a place for everything and everything was in its place.



"They had not been having family prayers, but were very glad to know that they should have, and how to conduct such. Mr. Cheung has been letting his light shine and the entire village gave a good bit of time both days to hear the word. Two evenings and two mornings the people gathered in to 'see' family worship. After breakfast the children were first on the job. They were eager to learn the verses and get the cards. Then the grownups would gather in. I could go on till about half-past two, then I had to take a rest. The second day it was a happy hour and a half I spent in the next room resting, and listening to Mr. Cheung preach the gospel. He taught the people and they were reverent and accepted his explanations, which were correct in every detail. After supper and baths, again the people gathered for family worship, then another meeting, which ran till eight-thirty or a quarter till nine."

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One of the bloodiest crimes committed in Lo Ting was perpetrated the night of June 7th, when three men in one of the shops of the city were stabbed to their death by a man who had formerly been their friend. He supposed a thousand or more dollars were hidden in the shop, got permission to stay there over night, and while the others were sleeping did his dastardly work. He, however, was wounded in turn. Dr. Dickson was early on the scene and ministered to the dying men. The assassin was taken to the hospital, where his wounds were treated. He was guarded day and night by soldiers and later taken to jail, where he is awaiting trial, which doubtless means execution as a result of his crime. He had heard the gospel frequently in one of our chapels, but hearing without acceptance does not save people. Rather it increases their guilt.

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This is the story of an old lady who had fallen down and broken her hip-

bone about three years ago, and who had heard of a number of cripples being cured in the Lo Ting Hospital and had decided that she, too, wanted to come and take treatment. Although she was told little could be done for her she was anxious to come and stay a while and see if she, too, couldn't be cured, as she was weary of lying in bed for so long. Will not you who have known the Father's love all your lives pray a bit for one who has lived 83 years in this world and has never heard of it until recently?

"Truly you are kind, very kind, to help me so; please teach me some more about the Heavenly Father."

"Yes, the Heavenly Father has loved you many years; in fact, 83 years, and you have never known of His love. He loved you so He sent His Son to redeem you from sin, and save your soul for everlasting happiness."

"But I have never sinned. I have several sons and they and their wives and families all eat together with me, thirty-two of us in all, so you see we do not quarrel and I have no sin." (This is frequently given as a proof that a family does not quarrel, as many people separate at meal times because they cannot get along together.)

"That is fine, A Mo, that you and your big family live together so nicely, but what would you think if one of your sons would not call you mother, but left you, and called someone else mother instead—wouldn't you feel badly?"

"Yes, oh yes, I certainly would."

"Well, A Mo, that is what you have been doing. Instead of recognizing the Heavenly Father as your God, you have been worshipping idols as God, and God is grieved over this, more so than you would be if your son failed to call you mother. Even if your son was a very good man in most ways, but just didn't love or obey you, you would say he sinned, wouldn't you?"

"Yes, oh yes."

"Well, don't you think you have sinned then in not loving and obeying your Heavenly Father all these years?"

"Yes, I have."

"Wouldn't you like to take Him now and let Him save you?"

"Oh I would, you are so kind—please teach me more."

"All right, will I teach you how to pray to this Father in Heaven Who loves you so?"

"Yes, please do."

"Well, you repeat this prayer after me: 'Heavenly Father, forgive my sins.'"

"But I haven't any sins, my family eat together."

"A Mo, don't you remember what I said about your son not loving you as his mother?"

"Oh, yes."

"And that that is the way you have been treating your Heavenly Father?"

"Oh, yes, that is a sin. Truly you are kind to help me so!"

"Then do you want Him to forgive you?"

"Yes, yes, please teach me some more."

"All right, A Mo, you repeat after me: Heavenly Father, please forgive my sins."

"Heavenly Father, please forgive my sins."

"Wash my heart clean—"

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"In Jesus' precious blood."

"In Jesus' precious blood."

"Fill me with Thy Spirit—"

"Fill me with Thy Spirit—"

"That He may teach me Thy truth."

"That He may teach me Thy truth."

"For Jesus' sake, Amen."

"For Jesus' sake, Amen."

"A Mo, do you really want Jesus as your Saviour?"

"Yes, I do."

"Then when you leave the hospital here and go back home and have to lie still or sit still all day, you do not need to dread it any more for Jesus will be with you all the time and you

can talk to Him and He will talk with you and then some day He will come for you and take you to heaven and there you will always be happy with Him. You can walk all right then and your eyes will not be dim nor your ears dull of hearing."

"Oh how fine, how fine. Truly you are kind to teach me so much. Please teach me some more."

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**Tak Hing.**

July 6, 1922.

It is hard to realize that another year has passed by but the summer heat is a sure reminder of the fact that time for vacation is near at hand.

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The native preachers' training class closed last week, and the students have been sent out to do practical work at the different stations during the summer months. They need your prayers, for they are young and inexperienced.

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The Women's and Girls' Schools closed the first part of this week, and we expect to close the Boys' School tomorrow. Will you not pray for these boys and girls during the vacation period that they will remember what they have learned while in our schools of Jesus and His love and that they will carry the Gospel message to their own homes.

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According to the Hong Kong paper received last evening it looks as if the unsettled conditions in Canton may come to a peaceful settlement for which we will all be very thankful.

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Communion was held at Tak Hing May 28. On Saturday preceding communion three were baptized. The preparatory services which were intended to prepare the hearts of those who would partake of the Lord's Supper were well adapted to that end and we have reason to believe that hearts were

prepared. The Chinese pastor preached a very impressive sermon on "The Great Invitation" based on Rev. 22: 17. He compared this invitation with other invitations to feasts, those who attend this feast with those who attend other feasts and this feast with other feasts.

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On Saturday preceding the communion a congregational meeting was held and the Chinese pastor, who has given extra good service for a year, was re-elected for another year.

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Communion services were held at Do Sing June 11. Good audiences were present at all the meetings. The students of the Training School had part in these meetings and did good work. There were no baptisms. The number of members who did not avail themselves of the privilege of eating supper with their Lord reveals a lack of interest in things eternal and greater interest in things temporal. Some, however, are steadfast and are witnessing for the Lord in a worthy manner. Some are doing personal work in a way that puts us foreigners to shame.

Mumps, malaria, hookworms and roundworms, with their usual unpleasant accompaniments, have been frequent visitors in the Girls' School this spring, but the girls were glad to co-operate with the Doctor in trying to eradicate them, in spite of their horror of quinine and castor oil.

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A visit was recently made to the schools at Luk To and Kau Koon Hui. The former has only ten or twelve pupils but they are doing good work. The pupils are usually at their desks shortly after sun up and stay at it, with intermissions for two meals, until almost sun down. I sometimes wonder if it is their thirst for knowledge that makes them so diligent, or if it is merely the desire on the part of the parents to get their money's worth out of the teacher. Whatever

may have been the reason when school began, the pupils seem to need no urging now. On the morning I left I was awakened a little after 4 o'clock by some of the pupils demanding entrance. They had come early so we could have another sing before my boat came. However we had pity on the neighbors, who were separated from us only by a thin board partition. Still it would be almost as nearly correct to say they were connected with our apartments by very large cracks in the wall. A rival school opened by a man who at first had forty boys and fourteen girls has dwindled to two boys and two girls.

At Kau Koon Hui the school room is still as full as on the first day, and it is a busy, happy school. They have learned to like to read the Bible, and to enjoy the morning worship time. The teacher suggested that I examine them on what they had read at worship, and I thought they answered remarkably well for having been in school only three months in their lives. They sing very well, too. When school first started the boys and some of the girls each kept cigarettes and matches in their desks, and smoked openly in school and out, and all used vile language as a matter of course. "Now," she said, "I haven't seen a cigarette in school for three weeks and the only one who says bad words is a new pupil and the rest scold her so much for it that she is getting ashamed and is trying to stop it."

How much of this is the result of your prayers? Have you asked for any greater results? Can you think of any greater? "He is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we can ask or think."

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Will you pray for Mr. Mok, a young man who has charge of the Tak Hing telegraph office? He has had a commercial course in English in a Hong Kong school and speaks English very well. Having very little to occupy his time in the office—an average of

two messages a day he says—he comes to the Mission for conversation in English twice a week, and is also doing some translating for us.

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Some two hundred boys and girls have been under Christian influences in our schools this spring. Pray for the power of the True God in their hearts and lives all through their vacation that their homes may be won for Christ.

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### LETTERS EN ROUTE

The thoughts of many of our church people centered in Brooklyn Monday afternoon, September 11, when five of our young people sailed away on the S. S. Braga for a three weeks' trip to Cyprus. How proud we are of them! How we love them! They are just about the finest ever—at least we think so. And some of us older ones envy them their opportunity. Youth, enthusiasm, efficiency, consecration—what may we not expect from them?

To make up this missionary group two parents gave both their children—all they have. Two others gave their only child, and two widowed mothers gave—one her only son, and the other her oldest daughter, her first born. The love of the unsaved whom they have never seen could scarcely inspire such sacrifice. There is something bigger than that. "For the love of Christ constraineth us." Here is the power of our Christ.

The Braga stopped at Providence, Rhode Island, and each of our young friends sent back a letter. We are glad to share them. Here they are:

"S. S. Braga, Providence, R. I.

"September 12, 1922.

"To the Readers of OLIVE TREES:

"We are off. It was a fine group that waved farewell to us at the Brooklyn pier yesterday. But that farewell was just the last of so many inspiring ones that we have enjoyed. The Kansas C. Y. P. U. Convention, the Winchester Congregation, the

home folks, Second N. Y. Congregation—all of them would make any person feel that behind him and his work there was a support that could not be put down.

"There are five of us. We feel that we have 'all the pep in the world.' May we be given judgment and humility. We are going to a country where the frills of our particular civilization are not found to support us. There a person finds himself stripped of externals, and he stands alone for what he is worth. He gets nearer God, or further away. It all depends on the depth of his conviction while in favorable surroundings. People think it is easier to be good when you are a missionary. It is not. It is harder—at first, at any rate. Pray at home that we young enthusiasts may sink our anchors deep and ever keep the Master whom we serve the chief force in our lives.

"Six years and ten days ago I set sail for Cyprus, having previously resolved while in college to become a missionary if God wanted me in that work. After four years of work in the American Academy and two of study at home the way is much clearer. My purpose is more fixed. Six years have meant the deepening of a conviction here and another there. One conviction is that God wants me to work in Cyprus. Another that the response of the boys and young men to the Christian teaching in the school over there is a challenge to a chap's best effort, his power, his consecration or whatever you want to call it. Five students from that school were in church Sabbath day at the Second New York. Every one of them is a growing young man headed in the right direction. There are others in New York from the school who are, but let any reader think of a person he has helped to start on the right road and then let him weigh over against this the cost and he will find himself ashamed that he hasn't spent more time, more energy. An-

other conviction is that the gospel of Christ is the power in this world that has done most to bring to you and to me the advantages that we have. It is the greatest power on earth to make a young life to go straight, the greatest power to put a nation on its feet.

"How many Christians believe it? How many would believe it if it was going to cost something? How many believe it enough to work for it? Still another conviction is that of the work of giving the Gospel to others is worthy of the effort of the young people of our church. There is no normal person but enjoys a share in giving others a force that will bring change. Is there a more beautiful change on earth than a changed character, when that change means a better life, a better home, better community, better country? If we believe the Gospel can work the change where is there a better sphere of work than that in which one gives time and energy in seeing that others have the Gospel and its advantages? Let's face it squarely.

"We say farewell as we turn out across the Atlantic this afternoon resolved to do our best to add a little to the blessings that the people over yonder deserve as much as we.

"Sincerely,  
"WILBUR WEIR."

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"To the Readers of OLIVE TREES,

"Dear Friends:

"Now that the last feverish rush of shopping is over and we have the last wave of a white hat and a blue umbrella we consciously say in unison, 'What a send-off!'

"Our cabins give such evidence of the kindness of friends that instead of a feeling of loneliness there comes a strange feeling of nearness—of oneness with those whose thoughts and prayers go with us.

"We recall the times of inspiration we have had as we made our way to the coast. There was the Convention at Winchester, a time of real spiri-

tual refreshing, when the whole Cyprus group received the benediction of the Presbytery which claims us all. The companionship of those who have had experience in the field gave us assurance, and many decisions made on the last night of the Convention filled us with the desire to do our best.

"There was only one element lacking on our farewell tour, and that was the time. We were disappointed that we could not meet all the good people of Philadelphia after their efforts on our behalf. But we did have a short time with the people of the Second Church, New York. And we take this opportunity to express our appreciation of their "Godspeeds" and well wishes, and especially for the group of familiar faces we saw as the boat pulled out of old Brooklyn.

"The future lies before us as a dream, but we feel that the inspiration of the past weeks will carry us far in our work for the Master.

"Yours,  
"ELIZABETH E. WEIR."  
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"To the OLIVE TREES:

"We are at last sailing on the high seas on our way to Cyprus and I am just beginning to feel we are going away from home. I spent three days in New York and got to see a little of that wonderful city. Sabbath day we went to the Second R. P. Church, in New York, and were royally entertained at Dr. McCarroll's home for dinner and the afternoon. That evening they had a farewell meeting for us which we enjoyed very much. Then after finishing our business on Monday we came on board at 3 o'clock and left the pier at 4. A loyal bunch of R. P. supporters were at the pier to bid us good-bye. Just before we sailed we had a prayer meeting in a secluded part of the ship, together with those who came to see us off. It seemed very impressive to me, and if the send-off of the home people has anything to do with our success, we certainly ought to be successful. We are all comfortably fixed on board and

seem to be especially favored by those in charge. We had the privilege of eating supper with the captain of our ship. I feel quite enthusiastic over the prospect of my work and certainly have a nice bunch of Covenanters to go with.

"Sincerely,  
"CHESTER T. HUTCHESON."  
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"To OLIVE TREES,  
Dear Friends:

"Well, here we are at the pier in Providence, R. I., after spending a very restful night on board the S. S. Braga. As the other members of our party have probably said in their letters, we are very agreeably surprised with the Braga, and our captain assures us that, although she is small, she is a very good ship, and steady.

"As I look back over my summer and the preparation for our going out to Cyprus, the thing which stands out is God's goodness to us manifested through our Christian friends. I feel that I have been especially privileged in that I have, during the last four months, been within the circle of seven of our Covenanter congregations. The interest, fellowship and encouragement shown in each of these congregations shall not soon be forgotten. Neither do I forget the most appropriate gifts which have been showered upon me. They have made me feel how greatly God's mercies exceed our deserving.

"Home is home, and it is hard to leave it, yet the memories of home and the strong Christian interest of our friends at home go with us and we feel doubly strengthened and happy that we can represent them in Christ's work. As we said at Winchester, 'Let us not be weary in well-doing, for in due season we shall reap if we faint not. For they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings, as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.'

"Sincerely,  
"ADA M. WILSON."

"To the Readers of OLIVE TREES,  
"My Dear Friends:

"Greetings to you after my first night on board a ship. Except for the chatter from the halls and the shortness of my bed I would have thought I was reposing in bed at the Prince George Hotel, in New York. Everyone in our party has had two good meals so far, and some of us think it a long time between meals.

"When I stop to think of the fact that we are leaving home it hardly seems possible, for there is so much of home going with us that I feel we are only transplanting a part of home to a new place. Of the five of our party four are natives of Kansas and the other is from Kansas by adoption. Four were classmates or friends at Geneva. The five of us had the privilege of being together during the close of the Young People's Convention of Kansas Presbytery at Winchester, August 25, and we will not soon forget the farewell given us that night. After all, home may be any place where your hat is off, for the real spirit of home you carry with you together with its memories and associations.

"After our meeting with the people of Second New York, I am more impressed than ever with the thought that the work of God's people is one all over the world, although the field may be different. One of the young Greeks in New York city who came over from Cyprus with my brother told Miss Wilson and I that he wanted us to try to see his brother and mother and lead them to believe in Jesus Christ as their Saviour while he worked for others in New York. I thought the work was one, but by the exchange of fields and ideas brotherly love grows and spreads through the world.

"Our prayer is that each one will be faithful in his particular field.

"Sincerely yours,  
"LOLA WEIR."

**WOMEN'S SYNODICAL DEPARTMENT**

Edited by MRS. MYRTA MAY DODDS, 2018 South Columbine, Denver, Colo.,  
And MISS MARY E. SHANKS, 1576 Lincoln St., Denver, Col.

**Synodical Memory Verse.**

For November—"Bear ye one another's burdens." Gal. 6:2.  
The service verse.

**1922-23 Uniform Program.**

Have you ordered your programs? To date, September 11, only 323 of the 2000 programs remain, so order now if you wish them.  
MISS MARGARET E. ATCHISON, 864 South Sherman St., Denver, Col.,  
Chairman.

**Foreign Auxiliary Members.**

Dr. Kate McBurney writes that she is glad of the privilege of becoming a Foreign Auxiliary member of our Synodical.  
Dr. M. Edna Wallace also writes that she will join us in our prayers as an Auxiliary member. She adds in closing: "May God bless you all in His service."

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**Message From the Plan of Work Board.**

"My Dear Co-Workers:  
"It is well for us in these busy rushing times to stop long enough to call to mind the manifestations of God's loving kindness to us as a Synodical organization, and the meetings of our local missionary societies furnishes suitable opportunities to consider what we have accomplished and the possibilities before us. During the season of prayer at our October meetings let us give thanks for the things that stand out prominently, for the opening of the Foreign Mission Board of the Girls' School in Cyprus, for the readiness of the Women's Synodical Missionary Society to pledge the salaries of the teachers and for the fact that the necessary amount for the present year is raised and for

our young women who offered themselves to serve as teachers in this new work, one of whom is a charter member of the Synodical Society.

"Let us also give thanks that our organization has placed a drinking fountain in the school yard of our Southern Mission, as we seek also to give them the "water of life."

"Pray that our work may be enlarged and that the Holy Spirit may guide the Plan of Work Board that it may plan greater things for the advancement of Christ's kingdom.

"We recommend that societies wishing to do sewing during the year for the Mission in Syria will make use of the lists suggested by Miss Maggie B. Edgar that has been sent them.

"May we be of one heart and one mind, and that be the mind of Christ."

MRS. R. C. WYLIE, CHAIRMAN.  
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**Synodical Corresponding Secretary's Report Continued.**

Mrs. W. M. Hutcheson,  
*Pacific Coast Presbyterial.*

Number of congregations . . . . .	6
Number of W. M. S. . . . . .	6
Number sending in reports . . .	5
Number of women over 16 years of age . . . . .	109
Number of members W. M. S. . .	98
Thank offering . . . . .	\$95.00
Number of Honorary members . .	9
Total contributions . . . . .	\$694.94
Valuation of two boxes sent . .	\$15.00
Number of olive trees taken	44
Number of Mission study books used . . . . .	4
Societies using uniform pro- gram . . . . .	4
Societies using Missionary Re- view of the World . . . . .	3

*Rochester Presbytery*

Number of congregations . . .	5
Number of reports sent in . . .	3

Number of women over 16 years of age .....	98
Number of members of W. M. S. ....	69
Thank offering .....	\$150.00
Total contributions .....	\$382.02
Valuation of four boxes sent	\$42.50
Number of olive trees taken .	21
Societies using Mission study books .....	2
Societies using uniform program .....	3
Societies using Missionary Review of the World .....	2
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### Synodical Activities.

*Mahoning, Pa., W. M. S.* looks after a poor family which has four children in Sabbath School learning the Bible and Catechism. A sick man was led to Christ by their kindly ministries.

*Mercer W. M. S.* sent a barrel of fruit to the A. P. H.

*New Alexandria Juniors* studied "Fez and Turban Tales," and the Junior Department in Olive Trees. They sent \$7.50 to help educate a girl in Canton, China. Miss Martha C. Beattie is the Superintendent.

*Connellsville W. M. S.* quilted three quilts, giving one to the A. P. H., one to the Jewish Mission and one to a needy family in the Sabbath School. Flowers were sent to the sick and many visits were made to those not members of the church. They study the Olive Trees especially to acquaint strangers with our own missions and missionaries. Mrs. J. M. Johnston is President.

*Connellsville Juniors* are committing Scripture and the Books of the Bible. They gave \$10 to Syrian relief. The Superintendent is Mrs. Charles Coughenom.

*College Hills Juniors* gave to the salary of a seminary student in China and to support a little girl in Lo Ting, China, \$86. Mrs. R. H. Martin is Superintendent.

*Central Allegheny W. M. S.* sent flowers and cards to the sick, \$15.55. Mrs. A. F. Campbell is President.

*Bear Run W. M. S.* sent a box to the A. P. H. valued at \$17; to the Near East Relief, \$11; to National Reform, \$10; to Domestic Missions, \$7.50, and to the Theological Seminary, \$7.50. The President is Mrs. T. Hutcheson.

*Almonte, Canada, W. M. S.* supports a Bible woman and uses the uniform program. Miss Isabel Wallace, Pakenham, Ont., is the President.

*Eskridge Juniors* pay one-half the expense of three native school girls in China. Total contributions \$27.

*Denison W. M. S.* sent a box to the Southern Mission valued at \$18, made hospital supplies for Syria, also made two quilts and sent flowers and greetings to the sick and shut-ins. Mrs. W. O. Ferguson is President.

*Denison Juniors* have 16 members. Miss Mary Alice Braum is Superintendent.

*Seattle W. M. S.* made comforts and repaired garments for Miss Clark, their city missionary, to distribute among the needy. The Treasurer reports \$104.44. Meetings are held in the evenings at the homes of the members. The new President is Mrs. J. M. Dodds.

*Regina, Canada, W. M. S.* met in the homes of the members. The society used the uniform program and found it helpful in the meetings. Contributions \$90. The Secretary, Mrs. Seymour Ross, writes: "During the year the society was favored by the presence of three ministers, Revs. Aiken, McClurkin and Calderwood, who encouraged us in our work by helpful talks.

"Death removed from our circle Mrs. Isabel Chambers, an earnest worker in the society. Although few in number, we have worked harmoniously, striving to do our bit in the Master's service in the great North west."

*Slippery Rock Juniors* studied "A Supplemental Bible Question Course," by Smith, also followed the regular weekly topics and gave an entertainment at Christmas time, when a free



will offering was taken. Mrs. R. A. Blair is Superintendent.

*Montclair W. M. S.* has been sewing since Christmas for the Jewish Mission and has sent six kimonos for babies and six pairs of booties. They had three socials during the year, and also a Congregational dinner at Christmas time. They gave \$25 to a needy Armenian family and \$10 to the Armenian Relief and \$14 to the Tri-Presbyterial fund. Five of their members are members of the Aged People's Home Auxiliary. The society paid its Synodical contingent fund. Mrs. Paul Christner is President.

*Stafford W. M. S.* sent three boxes to China and one to Syria. They do

welfare work and have a woman who visits homes. Mrs. J. G. Reed is President.

*Topeka W. M. S.* has charge of the mothers' meetings at the Irving Place Mission, also some of the members go to the Crittenden Home and conduct Sabbath School the first Sabbath of each month.

*Faith Chapel, Missionary Aid, Allegheny*, gave to the Orphanage Aid Society, colored children, \$15.

*Youngstown, O., W. M. S.* gave \$8.50 to the Near East Relief. The thank offering was \$36.30; total contributions, \$31.50.

*Southfield W. M. S.* paid \$30 on the expenses of its delegates to the Synodical meeting.

## JUNIOR EXCHANGE

Junior Editor, Miss Mary A. McWilliams, 5 Reed street, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
Synodical Superintendent, Mrs. T.C. Weir, Winchester, Kansas.

### MISSIONS AND MISSIONARIES

#### PART III.

#### The Southern Mission.

By MARY A. MCWILLIAMS.

Question 1. When was the Southern Mission opened?

Answer. In 1874.

Q. 2. Where is it located?

Ans. Selma, Alabama.

Q. 3. By whom?

Ans. Rev. G. M. Mitchell and Licentiate Lewis Johnson.

Q. 4. Who is the present superintendent of the Southern Mission?

Ans. Rev. R. J. McIsaac.

Q. 5. Who are the teachers?

Ans. Teacher. Grade.  
Miss Nannie A. French, High School.

Miss Elsie McGee, Primary A.  
Miss Sophia Kingston, Primary B.

Mrs. Daisy Hill, Grade 1.

Miss E. A. Martin, Grade 2.

Miss Susie Gordon, Grade 3.

Miss Jennie Smith, Grade 4.

Miss Nellie Carter, Grade 5.

Mrs. Elvira Skinner, Grade 6.

Mrs. C. F. Brooks, Grades 7 and 8.

Miss Naomi Griffen, Annex.

Q. 6. How many pupils were enrolled last year?

Ans. There was a total enrollment of 592. The High School had 45, of whom 6 graduated this year.

Q. 7. What religious instruction is given in the school?

Ans. The first 4 grades memorize Brown's Short Catechism and from 150 to 200 Bible verses in each grade. The last 4 grades memorize the Shorter Catechism and learn from 220 to 300 Bible verses in each grade. There is also a study of the Sabbath School Lessons, a guide to Bible Study by Richards.

Q. 8. Who has charge of the industrial work for girls?

Ans. Miss Mary Fowler, assisted by Miss O. Marshall.

Q. 9. What are the girls taught?

Ans. A. Domestic Science, which includes sweeping, dusting washing dishes, setting a table, and serving meals, the composition of foods, chemistry of foods and food combinations. The aim is to give them practical instruction that will be helpful to them in their home life. When the girls furnish their own material for cooking, they are allowed to take home what they cook. The other cooking is served to the children at the noon hour and the proceeds go toward the expenses of the department.

B. Sewing. The senior girls are required to make their own commencement dresses—work in lower grades leads up to this.

C. Home Nursing. Instruction given senior girls only.

Q. 10. Who has charge of the industrial work for boys?

Ans. Prof. Wilbur Bottoms.

Q. 11. What are the boys taught?

Ans. All boys from the third grade up have instruction in the naming and handling of tools.

Q. 12. What is the work of the 7th and 8th grades?

Ans. Sharpening edged tools, repair of school property, use of rip saw, machine and lathe, measuring and laying off work, use of mitre box, making ladders, tables, magazine racks, hat trees, porch sets, painting and varnishing.

Q. 13. Who are the home visitors?

Ans. Miss Ella Hays, Mrs. M. I. Robb and Mrs. E. O. Senegal.

Q. 14. What are some of the results of their work?

Ans. The mothers of the school children and community are reached and the work of school and congregation more closely linked together. This is shown

by an increased attendance at Sabbath School and preaching services.

Q. 15. In what other work do the teachers assist?

Ans. In the Sabbath School of the Selma Congregation. Miss McGee, Mrs. French and Miss Smith also go out on Sabbath afternoons to places where they meet groups of children to whom they distribute cards and papers and read the Bible.

### MISSIONARY PICTURES

#### For Women's Missionary Societies and Young People's Societies.

Leaders of these societies have long been wanting something fresh and stimulating to arouse interest in the meetings. *We have found it for them.* The Board of Foreign Missions is very happy and very fortunate to be able to offer two sets of missionary pictures at a very low price; one contains eight pictures, the other six. All pictures are on heavy durable cardboard. The engravings are in colors and teem with life interest. The backs are given to brief and surprisingly comprehensive and telling missionary facts. Both sets should be in each society. But not all will be able to get them, for we secured but 50 sets and some of them are already taken. The text matter on the back of the pictures is brief and to the point—not so long as to tax the memory, yet in a few words so well chosen as to tell the essence of the missionary story and need.

The general set, "The Call of the World," has eight pictures and costs 75 cents, post paid. The "India Set" contains six pictures and costs 60 cents, post paid. Both sets are \$1.35. Societies should order them now. We secured but 50 sets and are not sure we can get more.

Send all orders to Findley M. Wilson, 2410 N. Marshall street, Philadelphia. Cash must accompany the order.

## FOREIGN MISSIONARIES OF THE SYNOD OF THE REFORMED PRES. CHURCH

### *Latakia, Syria.*

REV. A. J. MCFARLAND.....  
 MRS. A. J. MCFARLAND.....  
 J. M. BALPH, M. D.....  
 MRS. J. M. BALPH.....  
 MISS MAGGIE B. EDGAR.....  
 MISS ANNIE L. KENNEDY.....  
*Mersina, Asia Minor.*  
 REV. ROBERT E. WILLSON.....  
 MRS. ROBERT E. WILLSON.....  
 MISS F. ELMA FRENCH.....  
 MISS ELIZABETH MCELROY.....

### *Language School, Suk el Gharb, Via Beirut, Syria.*

R. ESMOND SMITH, M. D.....  
 MRS. R. ESMOND SMITH.....  
 MISS AGNES M. ARCHER, R. N.....  
 MISS LILLIAN F. CUNNINGHAM, R. N.....

### *Larnaca, Cyprus.*

MR. W. WILBUR WEIR.....  
 MR. ROBERT W. GEORGE.....  
 MR. REMO I. ROBB.....  
 CHESTER T. HUTCHESON.....

### *Nicosia, Cyprus.*

CALVIN MCCARROLL, M. D.....  
 MRS. CALVIN MCCARROLL.....  
 MISS LOLA WEIR.....  
 MISS ADA M. WILSON.....

### *Tak Hing, West River, South China.*

REV. JULIUS A. KEMPF.....  
 MRS. JULIUS A. KEMPF.....  
 REV. R. C. ADAMS.....  
 MRS. R. C. ADAMS.....  
 REV. JESSE C. MITCHEL.....  
 MRS. JESSE C. MITCHEL.....  
 MISS ROSE A. HUSTON.....  
 MISS M. EDNA WALLACE, M. D.....  
 MISS JEAN M. BARR.....  
 MISS MARY R. ADAMS.....

### *Do Sing, West River, South China.*

MISS LILLIAN J. MCCrackEN.....  
*Canton Christian College, Canton, South  
China.*  
 JAMES M. WRIGHT, M. D.....  
 MRS. JAMES M. WRIGHT.....  
 MISS INEZ M. SMITH, R. N.....

### *Lo Ting, via Canton, South China.*

REV. W. M. ROBB.....  
 MRS. W. M. ROBB.....  
 E. J. M. DICKSON, M. D.....  
 MRS. E. J. M. DICKSON.....  
 MISS ELLA MARGARET STEWART.....  
 MISS PEARL WEEKS.....

### *Mission to Syrians, New Castle, Pa.*

REV. JAMES S. STEWART, D. D.....  
 MRS. JAMES S. STEWART.....  
 709 N. Mercer St., New Castle, Pa.

### *On furlough.*

MISS KATE W. MCBURNEY, M. D.....  
 Canonsburg, Pa.  
 MISS NELLE A. BROWNLEE.....  
 Las Cruces, New Mexico.  
 MISS JENNIE M. DEAN...Vassar, Michigan

### *On Indefinite Leave.*

REV. J. K. ROBB, D. D. (Tak Hing).....  
 MRS. J. K. ROBB.....  
 REV. SAMUEL EDGAR (Latakia).....  
 MRS. SAMUEL EDGAR.....  
 REV. ALVIN W. SMITH (Larnaca).....

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